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CWP-30532-2024

Date of Decision : **January 27, 2025**

DINESH BASSI AND OTHERS

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present : Mr. P.S.Hundal, Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr. Pardeep Bajaj, DAG, Punjab.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (Oral)

1. In deference to the directions issued by this Court vide order dated 20.1.2025, the costs of Rs.5,000/-, as imposed upon the petitioners has been deposited.

2. Through the instant petition, as cast under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, prayer is made for issuance of directions upon the official respondents to ensure the protection of life and liberty to the petitioners and to take the investigation of FIR No.0166 dated 21.10.2024 under Sections 308(4) and 351(2) of the BNNS, 2023, Police Station Cantonment, District Police Commissionerate, Amritsar to the logical end.

3. In response to the notice, status report by way of affidavit of Shivdarshan Singh, PPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police, West Amritsar was filed way back on 1.12.2024. The affidavit (supra) voiced about

providing protection to the petitioners by deploying two PSOs in two shifts. Further the investigation in the FIR (supra) is being carried out. The relevant paras of the affidavit are extracted hereinafter:-

“That it is submitted that now the present petitioner No. 1-Dinesh Bassi had submitted a representation bearing No. 8359-PC/COP dated 14.10.2024 (Annexure P / 10) and a fresh letter dated 21.10.2024 in the office of the Commissioner of Police, Amritsar wherein he alleged that he has received various threatening calls from different International WhatsApp numbers on his mobile number 70592-00001. Therefore, in view of the contents mentioned therein, a case FIR No. 166 dated 21.10.2024, under Sections 308 (4) and 351 (2) BNS, Police Station Cantonment, Amritsar has been registered in this respect. This case is under investigation. During investigation, communication has been made by the investigating officer with the Technical Support Unit, Amritsar for getting required his representation by the petitioner No. 1-Dinesh Bassi in order to trace out the actual culprit (s), which is awaited and further action shall be taken in accordance with law after receipt of the information. 12. That it is further submitted that in view of the threats received by the petitioner No. 1-Dinesh Bassi on his mobile phone, police personnel namely ASI Dimple Kumar No. 3714 and HC Rajinder Singh No. 4207 each in two shifts i.e. day and night time have been deployed for protection of life and liberty of the petitioners. In addition to this, the protection of life and liberty of the petitioners is being ensured through area security by patrolling parties of Police Station Cantonment, Amritsar, Police Post Gumtala Bypass and PCR vehicles.

That it is respectfully submitted that keeping in view the totality of the facts and submissions, it is evident that as per the report submitted by SHO PS Cantonment, Amritsar there is no input at present indicating any specific threat to the petitioner. However, in view of the a general threat to the petitioner no. 1-Dinesh Bassi, adequate police protection has been provided to the present

petitioners for their security and the aforesaid case FIR No. 166 dated 21.10.2024, under Sections 308 (4) and 351 (2) BNS, Police Station Cantonment, Amritsar stands registered in this respect, which is under investigation and sincere efforts are being made to trace and arrest the actual culprit (s). The security cover provided for protection of the petitioners is adequate which shall be reviewed time to time as per provisions of the State Security Policy and further action shall be taken accordingly. However, if the petitioners want to get more police personnel then they can ask for paid security. Therefore, the present petition is liable to be dismissed.”

4. In view of the specific stand, this Court finds apt to **dispose** of the instant petition with the following directions:-

i) That the competent respondent amongst the respondents shall time to time evaluate the threat perception to the petitioners and thereupon take decision in accordance with the security policy 2013 and as per the SOP framed by the DGP concerned shall be adhered to;

ii) It is also expected from respondents No.4 and 5 to take the investigation of the FIR (supra) to its logical end by conducting fair and professional investigation and the same be concluded within 6 months from today.

5. Needless to say that in case in future the petitioners have any grievance, they may re-access this Court by filing apt motion.

6. **Disposed** of accordingly.

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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No